

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
July 14, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Amy Eigenberg, Chair, at 9:08 a.m., in the Lower Level B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 07.05.2022.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (7):

Christine Chasek, Member (on phone)
Lori Cleveland, Chair (in room)
Mary Sneckenberg, Member (on phone)
Brian Bierschenk, Member (on phone)
Victor Gehrig, Member (in room)
Amy Eigenberg, Chair (in room)
Jill Colegrove, Secretary (on phone)

Members Absent (2):

Terry Duffy, Member
Natasha Robinson, Member

Staff and Others Present (3):

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (in room)
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit (in room)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
TJ O'Neil, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigations (in room)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Duffy, Robinson (2). Motion carried.

9:11 am Duffy entered the room

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the minutes of 4.14.2022. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Abstain: Chasek, Gehrig, Eigenberg (3) Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to enter into closed session at 9:14 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Colegrove repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

9:16 am Robinson entered call
9:19 am Colegrove exited call
9:30 am Colegrove entered call
9:40 am Meyerson exited room

10:40 am Break
11:17 am Robinson exited call
11:17 am Duffy exited room
11:27 am Duffy entered room

11:30 a.m. After Board Member agreement, Colegrove stated the meeting is now in open session

11:38 am Lester exited room
11:42 am Lester entered room

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Alyssa Maxwell – PLADC Reinstatement Applicant (early release from probation)

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Colegrove to deny the application for reinstatement. Basis for recommendation: Insufficient evidence to support early release. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Carnell Watt - PLADC Reinstatement (early release from probation)

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Chasek, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Long standing criminal history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Shane Reilly - PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Criminal history, Recency of convictions, substance use diagnosis, and Insufficient time of Sobriety. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Tiffany Street – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Christine Perkumas – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Cleveland, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Kushana Hutchinson – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Colegrove (1) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Reginald Bollinger – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to recommend a probationary license that will coincide with the ending date of his probation for the provisional mental health practitioner license and provisional master social work certificate to end April 2, 2024, with the following terms/conditions: Abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, Random body fluid screens, Report prescribed medications, Follow recommendations of assessment and any future recommendations, Quarterly employer reports, and Standard terms and conditions of probation. Basis for recommendation: Conviction history, current discipline action on the provisional mental health practitioner license and provisional master social work certificate, and Substance use disorder diagnosis. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Eigenberg (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Duffy (1) Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES REPORTS

- a. **Reminder renewals are due 9-1-22**, CE not required for renewal (EO22-02); online is open for renewals

- b. **Discussion Relating to Developing a Jurisprudence Examination**

Board members will submit questions to Chiles for collection and distribution to the Board for review at the next board meeting.

- c. **Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report**

Robinson was not present to provide an update

- d. **International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)**

<https://internationalcredentialing.org>

Robinson was not present to provide an update.

- e. **Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees:**

Reports were included as part of the meeting agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Eigenberg announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022, and declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Summarized by:
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator